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Education:

Ph.D. 1993 University of Notre Dame
Theoretical Approaches to Medical Ethics: Virtue and its Critics
W. David Solomon, Director
B.A. 1985 Calvin College (Philosophy & Bio/Chem group)

Professional Experience:

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI:
Professor of Philosophy (2004 to present)
Worldview Lecturer, (2009-2010)
Interim Director, Seminars @ Calvin Program, (2009-2010)
Associate Professor of Philosophy (2000 to 2004)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy (1996-2000)
Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
Assistant Professor of Philosophy (1994-1996)
Spalding University, Louisville, KY
Assistant Professor of Philosophy (1993-1994)

Publications:

Books:

Bioethics: A Reformed Look at Life and Death Choices. (Grand Rapids, Faith Alive, 2009)
Transforming Care: A Christian Vision of Nursing Practice, Mary Molewyck Doornbos, Ruth E. Groenhout, and Kendra Hotz, (Grand Rapids, Eerdman's, 2005)
Connected Lives: Human Nature and an Ethic of Care. (Lanham, Mass.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004).
Philosophy, Feminism, and Faith, Ruth Groenhout and E. Marya Bower, eds. (Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2003).

Essays and book chapters:

"The 'Brain Drain' Problem: Migrating Medical Professionals and Global health Care" forthcoming in the *International Journal for Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 5.1 (2012): 1-24.

- “The Difference Difference Makes: Public Health and the Complexities of Racial and Ethnic Research” *Feminist Bioethics: At the Centre, on the Margins*, Laurel Baldwin-Ragaven, Petya Fitzpatrick, and Jackie Leach Scully, eds. (2010, Johns Hopkins University Press) pp. 221-242.
- “The Love of God the Father: Agape and Masculinity” in *Visions of Agape*, Craig Boyd, ed. (Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishers, 2008) 47-60.
- “Not Without Hope: A Reformed Analysis of Sickness and Sin” *Christian Bioethics* Vol. 12 no. 2. (2006) 133-150.
- “Kenosis and Feminist Theory” *Exploring Kenotic Christology: The Self-Emptying of God*, C. Stephen Evans, ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006) 392-419.
- “Embodiment and the Nurse-Client Encounter: A Perspective from One Tradition”, co-authored with Kendra Hotz and Clarence Joldersma. *Journal of Religion and Health* 44:2 (Fall '05) 147-160.
- “Theological Echoes in an Ethic of Care” Occasional paper published by the Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame, November 2004.
- “Essentialist Challenges to Liberal Feminism” in *Social Theory and Practice*, vol. 28, no. 1, (January 2002) 51-75. Reprinted in *Analyzing Moral Issues*, 3rd Ed., Judith A. Boss, ed. (New York: McGraw Hill, 2004).
- “Reformed Perspectives in Bioethics” in *Religious Perspectives in Bioethics*, John F. Pepin, Mark J. Cherry, and Ana Iltis, eds. (New York: Taylor and Francis, 2004), pp. 79-96.
- “Care, Agape, and a Feminist Conception of the Self” Chapter 10 in *Philosophy, Feminism, and Faith*, Ruth Groenhout and E. Marya Bower, eds. Indiana University Press, 2003.
- “Are Your Insurance Premiums My Problem?” *The A.P.A. Newsletter on Philosophy and Medicine*. Vol. 00, no. 1 (Fall 2000).
- “Five Types of Dissent” *Journal of Peace and Justice Studies*. Vol 10, no. 1. pp. 95-113
- “Care Theory and the Ideal of Neutrality in Public Moral Discourse” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* Vol. 23 no.2 (April '98) pp.170-89.
- “The Virtue of Care: An Aristotelian Conception of an Ethics of Care” *Feminist Interpretations of Aristotle* C. Freeland, ed. (Pennsylvania State Press, 1997) pp.171-200.

Academic Grants, Awards, and Fellowships:

- Academic Fellow, Center for Ethics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, St Andrews University, Scotland. Spring 2011.
- Society for Christian Philosophers, Virtue and Values Visiting Professor, 2010.
- “Human Rights and Health Care in a Global Context”, visiting ECNU, Shanghai; Sichuan Daxue, Chengu; Wuhan University, Wuhan, Guangzhou. (\$5,000).
- Calvin College Worldview Lecturer, 2009-2010. “Justice and Care in Medicine” Nagel Institute Fellowship, “Cultures of Knowledge, East and West” (\$3850)
- Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, 2007-09: “Cosmopolitanism in a World of Clashing Faiths” working group. (\$5000)

Calvin Research Fellowships 2005, 2008 (three course reduction): awarded for work on *On Love*

Metanexus Local Societies Initiative Grant: Convener of Reading Group on "Nature and the Unnatural" 2005-06.

Calvin Summer Seminar 2004: "Works of Love: Scientific and Theological Perspectives on Altruism" Stephen G. Post, Director.

Asian Studies Grant Proposal, 2003. Grant proposal to fund travel and study time for preparation of an interim course on women in Chinese thought and literature. (\$5,500).

Erasmus Institute Carey Senior Faculty Fellowship, 2002-03. "Created to Care: The Augustinian Roots of an Ethics of Care."

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, 2002-05. "Transforming Care: A Reformed Vision of Nursing Practice." Kendra Hotz, primary author. A \$66,400 grant to put together a working team of Nursing Faculty, Theologians, and Philosophers to develop a comprehensive interpretation of nursing practice from a Reformed perspective.

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, 2001-02. "A Reformed Perspective on Health and Caring." (\$7,500).

Calvin Research Fellowship awarded for 2001-2002 school year for continuing work on *Created to Care: The Augustinian Roots of an Ethics of Care*.

Diekema Fellow: Calvin Research Fellowship awarded for 2000-2001 school year for work on *Created to Care: The Augustinian Roots of an Ethics of Care*.

Seminar in Christian Scholarship 2000. "Kierkegaard: A Man For All Disciplines," directed by C. Stephen Evans at Calvin College.

NEH Summer Seminar, 1999. *Morality and Society*, directed by Alan Wolfe at Boston University.

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, 1999-2000. *Care and the Christian Community: Reflections on an Ethic of Care Across the Disciplines* \$48,000 grant for a year-long, cross-disciplinary discussion of ethics of care. Primary author of grant, with Helen Sterk (CAS) and Jan Curry-Roper (Geography).

Calvin Summer Research Fellowship, 1998. "Care, Agape, and a Feminist Conception of the Self."

1997 Lilly Fellows Summer Program at Villanova University:
The Mission of the Religious University/College and the Public Theology of its Students

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Southwest Missouri State University (1995)

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame (1992)

Recent Presentations

Philosophical Presentations:

- "Environmental Rights or Responsibilities" Conference on Social Justice and Human Rights, Emmanuel College of Victoria University, the University of Toronto (April 2012).
- "Evidence-Based Practice and an Ethics of Care", St Andrews University Philosophy Club (April 2011).

- “The ‘Brain Drain’ Problem: Migrating Medical Professionals and Global Health Care”, 8th International Congress of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, Singapore (July 2010).
- “Ethics of Care: A Brief Introduction”, American Consulate, Guangzhou; Sun Yat Sen University, Guangzhou (April 2010).
- Worldview Lectures, *Justice and Care in Medicine*: “Justice and Care,” “Medicine and Technology,” “Medical Technology at the Margins of Life” “Universal Health Care”, “Ethics and Medical Technology”, Global Human Rights and Health Care,” University of Western Ontario; McMaster University; Waterloo University; Emmanuel College, University of Toronto; Michigan State University; East China Normal University, Shanghai; Sichuan University, Chengdu; Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan; Guangzhou University Research Center for Human Rights, Guangzhou; L’Abri, Switzerland (2009-2010).
- “Power and Evidence: A Feminist Analysis of Evidence based Practice” presented at FAB Biennial conference: “Voice, Power, and Responsibility in Health Care,” Rijeka, Croatia. (September 2008).
- “B(e)aring Autonomy: A Feminist Critique” at conference: Thinking With(Out) Borders: International Political Theory in the 21st Century, St Andrews, Scotland. (June 2008)
- “Bioethics and the Social Structures of Medicine” Week long seminar presented at East China Normal University, Shanghai, China. March 2008.
- “Evidence Based Practice: An Ethical Analysis” SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY. (January, 2008).
- “Difficult Conversations: Transgender and Feminism” Panel presentation, Feminist Ethics and Social Theory Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL. (September 2007).
- “Conflicted Communities: Inclusion and Relational Identity in the Thought of Iris Marion Young” Presented at 2007 Central APA, memorial panel in honor of Iris Marion Young (April 2007).
- “Ethics and the Caring Professions” Presented at Carlow College, Carlow, Ireland, (March 2005).
- “The Difference Difference Makes: Public Health and the Complexities of Racial and Ethnic Research” Presented at Feminist Approaches to Bioethics meeting in conjunction with the International Association for Bioethics, Sydney, Australia (October 2004).
- “Ethics of Care: An Introduction” Presented at Tsinghua University, Beijing, and Xiamen University, Xiamen, China (May 2004).
- “Care and Theology” presented at Xiamen University, Xiamen, China (May 2004).
- “Utility, Reason, or Care? The Difference Theory Makes in Evaluations of Human Genome Research” presented at the Beijing International Conference on Bioethics, Beijing, China, (January 2004).

- “Embodiment and the Nurse-Client Encounter: A Perspective from One Tradition” presented at Making Sense Of: Health, Illness, and Disease, St. Hilda’s College, Oxford, UK, (July, 2003).
- "Care, Justice, and the New Genetic Technologies" presented at the Feminist Approaches to Bioethics meeting during the Sixth World Congress of Bioethics, Brasilia, Brazil, (October 2002).
- "The Status of Women's Health in the U.S in 2002" presented at a panel at the Feminist Association for Bioethics meeting during the Sixth World Congress of Bioethics, Brasilia, Brazil, (October 2002).
- "Augustine and Levinas: Fathers of Care?" presented at "Engaging Traditions: Ontologies in Practice" Conference at the University of Virginia, (September 2002).
- "Kenosis and Feminist Theory" presented at the Kenotic Christology Workshop, Sponsored by the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. (May, 2002).

General Presentations

- “Bioethics: A Brief Introduction”, Grand Rapids Public Library (August 2011).
- Panelist, “Women and Careers”, organized by Gender Studies Program, Calvin College, (March, 2008).
- “Stitch ‘n Bitch and the Happy Hooker: Feminism and Women’s Handcrafts” Calvin College (February, 2007)
- Interviewed by WXMI, Fox News Grand Rapids on topic of health care for illegal immigrants, (January 2007).
- Appeared on the *Hannity and Colmes Show*, along with Professor Randall Jelks (History, Calvin College) to discuss the visit of President George W. Bush to Calvin College and the Faculty’s response. (May, 2005)
- “Spiritual Resources for Nurses: Acute Care, Psych/Mental Health, and Community Nursing” Panel organizer and moderator. 2006 MERN Annual Meeting (May 2006).
- Moderator for panel discussing the Terri Schiavo case from biological, legal, and ethical perspectives. Calvin College (April, 2005).
- “Augustine and the Paradox of Embodiment” Calvin College, Kuyper Fellows Seminar. (October 2003).
- Participant in panel discussion: “Teaching in the Humanities: Race and Gender in the Classroom.” Fall Conference for Faculty and Staff, Calvin College. (September, 2003).